

"I ask any person of common sense, is there anything more improbable than that this young girl, who has always shown the most exemplary honesty, should commit this daring theft without any special motive? This young girl, who was not in need, and who in her master's house had found a home almost as if she were one of the family—this young girl who knew that if she were in want of money for any special object her young mistress would not deny her it, even if it were a considerable sum!"

"Is this more probable than that her presence in the museum was due to an accidental circumstance of no significance, and that the theft has afterward been committed by some one else?"

The counsel for the defence was here interrupted in a manner which was no doubt flattering to him; from the audience came the sound of more than one hearty *Bravo!* while a hoarse voice, full of sincere conviction, exclaimed, "Ah! he's about right there."

Silence was soon obtained, and the counsel concluded his speech thus: "It is an old experience of the court that the chain of evidence which seems strongest, and in which the links seem to fit exactly into each other, is in reality most often the weakest. I will ask the jury to bear this in mind. And I believe that I have at least shown you that in the chain of the public prosecutor which seemed to fit so beautifully there is not one link which can be called faultless."

The counsel resumed his seat, and the public made an attempt to applaud him, but the judge quickly imposed silence, and the public prosecutor rose to reply.

He had followed the speech of the counsel for the defence with interest and approval, the latter no doubt arising from the same cause which had dictated the applause of the public—that is to say, admiration of the counsel's ability to make something out of nothing, or of an inconvenient subject. At this point the public prosecutor nodded in a friendly way across to the counsel for the defence, who smiled in return.

He found, on the whole, his chain of evidence so little weakened by what the defence had brought forward, that he did not think it necessary to go through it again. He had such great confidence in the intelligence of the jury that he would take them, without his pointing it out to them, that where he had produced facts, or probabilities which almost amounted to facts, the counsel for the defence had only set up possibilities, and even improbable possibilities—with this, he would leave the matter in the hands of the jury.

The counsel for the defence then proceeded to make his final speech. The public prosecutor had himself admitted that there were possibilities in the way the prosecution had asserted. It would be the duty of the jury to decide as to the probability or improbability of the possibilities. He would conclude by saying that when to these possibilities was added the stainless life of his client, and the good character she bore from all quarters—no one had brought forward anything to the contrary—as well as the young girl's peculiar motive for the crime, and finally, that it had not been possible, in spite of the most energetic exertions of the police, to show that his client had been in possession of, or disposed of, the money which was to have been the reward of the crime of which she was accused—then he did not doubt that the conscientious jury would not pronounce the fateful "Yes" to the question "Guilty?"

from their seats in order to see better. What could be the matter? A messenger of the court had forced his way through the crowd to the counsel for the defence, and handed him a letter, saying a few words, which those nearest to him could hear. The messenger said: "You must read it at once, sir; it has to do with the case now before the court."

The counsel tore open the envelope, read, passed his hand across his forehead, and read the letter again. He crushed the paper in his hand, stepped quickly forward, and as the public prosecutor had not resumed his reading, he addressed himself to the judge, saying, "I must ask that an hour's postponement be granted to my client; in that time I believe I can bring before you, gentlemen, evidence which will throw a new light upon the case."

An hour passed by, perhaps a little more, and the court was again sitting. The room was, if possible, even more crowded than before; no one had been willing to give up his seat, and there were new arrivals.

The silence which reigned showed the excitement that possessed everybody. The counsel for the defence asked to be allowed to examine the chief of the detective staff once more.

The young officer stepped forward, and took his place in the witness box in his usual quiet manner, although astonishment was plainly written on his face.

The counsel—"You have already told us that when you paid a visit to Mr. Jurgens and so skillfully got him to give up the diamond, he then told you that he had bought it from the accused, Evelina Reierison. Isn't that so?"

"Yes."

Counsel—"Did he seem to be in any doubt as to whom he had bought the diamond from?"

The detective blushed at this question, but his answer was as unconstrained and calm as before.

"No, he gave me the impression that he was sure it was the accused."

Counsel—"Did he name any one else who could possibly have sold him the diamond?"

"At first he began, with some confused nonsense, to excuse himself, but it was of no significance to the case."

Counsel—"I must ask you, however, to give the name or the names which Mr. Jurgens mentioned in connection with the diamond."

One could see that the officer was angry at the importunate examination, and that he had to exert himself to the utmost in order to answer calmly.

nearo—not round, but clear and distinct: "The rings and earrings she got from me. They were presents, and she could do as she liked with them."

The judge enjoined the young lady in a friendly but decided tone not to speak until she was questioned, and the young lady sat down, blushing.

Counsel—"Had you a visit from the young girl on the 10th of May last?"

Witness—"Yes, most likely."

Counsel—"Most likely? Be good enough to explain yourself more clearly; or does it mean that you remember nothing about that day?"

Witness—"Well, yes, I can well enough explain what I mean. I have nothing to hide—the law and the police I have always esteemed and respected"—here an ironical voice was heard exclaiming:

"You are about right there, Abrahamson!" which was followed by loud laughter.

The witness, with a scornful glance at the corner where the interruption came from, continued: "No, I have nothing to hide. On the 10th of May a lady came to me and asked if I would lend her some money on some jewelry—a lot of rings, brooches, and bracelets with precious stones in them. She had a veil over her face; but I thought I recognized the young girl whom you call Evelina Reierison."

Counsel—"Was it not, then, the young girl who sits here?"

Witness—"I don't know."

Counsel—"Don't know?"

Witness—"If you will give me time, you shall hear. I said at once that I could not accept such valuable things, unless she could show she was authorized to pawn them. Then she answered that if we came to an understanding, she would prove she was the owner of the jewelry. I looked at the things, and said that if everything was all right I could lend her two thousand kroners on them. She knew that the things were worth five thousand kroners, she said, and I could give her four thousand, and I could buy them of her. I must have time to examine them, if explained. But she would not let me. She seemed on the point of crying, and asked me for God's sake to give her four thousand kroners immediately; she would willingly give me a few more valuable things later on, or pay me something back. Then I thought the matter looked rather suspicious, and did not like to have anything more to do with her, so she left."

Counsel—"Didn't you try to find out if it was the girl, Evelina Reierison, or not?"

Witness (after hesitating awhile before answering)—"Yes, I did; for I am a law-abiding man, who likes to give the police a helping hand."

Counsel—"Yes, we know that, but what did you do?"

pose in calling the witness Abrahamson, and in putting new questions to the chief of the detective force was to throw the guilt of the robbery upon another, he is mistaken. It is certainly unavoidable that at the same time my client's innocence is brought to light, so at the same time the attention is led into another direction, and the ministers of justice have perhaps already found a new object in their search after the guilty person. But that is a matter which does not concern me. It only goes to prove that the young girl whose defence has been entrusted to me is innocent—that the circumstantial evidence which appeared so strong against her, on the contrary, speaks in her favor when seen in the right light.

"The object of my last examination of the chief detective and the witness Abrahamson was only to show that mistakes can be made, and in this case

(To be Continued.)

### LEGAL

#### APPLICATION FOR STATE AID ON ROUTES.

To the Commissioners of Somerset County:

WHEREAS, The section of highway in Meyersdale Borough, County of Somerset, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being about 3150 feet in length and situated as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the State Highway in Summit Township and Seibury street of Meyersdale Borough (at the Borough line), thence along 11th street of said Borough to Beachley street, thence along Beachley street to the new bridge at Front street in said Borough.

WHEREAS, State aid is desired for the permanent improvement, with brick, of the section of highway in Meyersdale Borough, under the Act approved May 31, 1911, providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department, etc., and supplement approved June 5, 1913, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of said Meyersdale Borough, in regular session assembled on this 6th day of July, 1915, do on behalf of said Borough hereby petition for State aid as hereinbefore stated, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the said Borough Council do agree for themselves and their successors in office to provide for the payment of and to pay to the Commonwealth from the borough funds, in the manner provided by the said Act, and the supplement hereto, one-fourth of the total expense of said improvement when due, and be it further

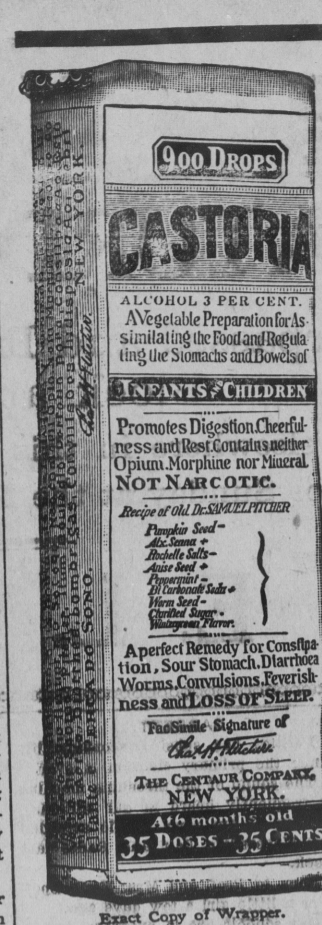
RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of said County of Somerset be and are hereby petitioned to join in requesting the State Highway Department to extend State aid for the said road improvement, under the said act. Approved September 7, 1915.

The foregoing is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of resolutions adopted by the said Borough Council of Meyersdale Borough, Somerset County.

VALENTINE GRESS, Burgess, Chas. H. Dia, Pres. of Council.

Attest: E. J. Dickey, Clerk. I, E. J. Dickey, Clerk of Council of the Borough of Meyersdale do hereby certify that the above resolution has been recorded in the Borough Ordinance Book and has been advertised as required by law.

E. J. DICKEY, Clerk.



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